

SPECIFICATION:

abstract

Amend the abstract as follows:

~~A sound level adjustable muffler has a pop-up mechanism working in parallel pairs used for lifting the tabletop part of a piece of furniture has a pair of cantilever arms joined together by an upper oblong member and a lower oblong member, both said upper oblong member and lower oblong member being parallel relative to each other and each being rotationally attached to opposite ends of said pair of cantilever arms. the ratio between the surface area of the opening for the intake of exhaust gases from the exhaust pipe at the entrance to the muffler varies from being at least equal to the surface area available for the exhaust right at the exit of the muffler to being larger than the surface area available for the exhaust right at the exit of the muffler. The larger the surface area available at the exit of the muffler, the louder the sound that escapes. A movable plug that slides along the longitudinal axis of the muffler varies the available surface area.~~

Bottom of page 4, last 6 lines, amend the text as follows:

The sliding rod (40) is itself activated by any one of several available means such as a direct connection to an actuating motor (not shown) or indirect connection by way of a cable (not shown) which could be adjusted by a control lever near handlebars (both not shown) or else an electric motor (not shown) having an electrical control (not shown) near the handlebars (not

shown) or any convenient location so that a user can actually adjust the sound level while driving the motorcycle. Whatever the means used, an attachment means (42) is provided at the end of the sliding rod (40) for that purpose.